



WILLIAM COLENZO COLLEGE NEWSLETTER / PĀNUI

Term One: 29th March – 8th April 2022



Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you to our school whanau / community for providing stability and structure as Omicron hit its peak. For those who have had to manage student wellbeing and assist our students with their learning, Nga Mihi ki a koutou. We are hopeful our students will return to school as soon as they are able.

Mother nature has treated us to an abundance of water over the past few days. We are mindful of Whanau who are cleaning up after the latest floods. Kia Kaha Koutou.

Education Post-Covid: Over the last two years, we have been challenged as we have made shifts from school-based learning to home-based learning or a hybrid of the two. As a school we have had to re-think our priorities. Some regular events, celebrations and routines have been maintained while others have not. Post-COVID, we have decisions to make:

1. What is needed to support students whose learning has been disrupted for up to two years?
2. What will the 'new normal' look like for staff, students, and parents?
3. What traditions, systems and routines will we reinstate?
4. What will we change for the future?

Resilience: is a word that has been used frequently since the arrival of COVID 19. **Resilience** is the ability to adapt well to any challenges and stressors we may face in life. The more resilient we are, the more we feel able to 'bounce back' from difficult experiences. We have all faced challenging times amid COVID, how we respond to these challenges can make a difference. It would be ideal if we could all 'bounce back' into the new norm at school (whatever the new norm might look like), but this may not be the case. If you experience any issues, concerns, or problems please seek help. We have support systems in place to assist those who feel they may need extra support in these challenging times.

Attendance: is linked to both student wellbeing and to attainment. Student wellbeing is a key priority within education. Studies confirm that attending school regularly predicts the best outcomes for wellbeing. The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed when they attend school consistently.

ANZH – Aotearoa New Zealand's Histories: This new curriculum was recently designed and released to ensure all young people learn about NZ's own history in school. The new curriculum encourages critical thinking, and it encourages students to look at historical events that have shaped our nation from a variety of perspectives. Past events have shaped who we are as a country. Learning about it will set our future generations up well to shape an even better future.

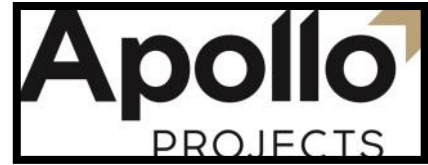
Mandate Changes: The Government has signalled that vaccination mandates will be lifted from 11:59pm on the 4th April. We will continue to work within the parameters set by the Ministry of Education.

It's when we follow the rain clouds that we find where the rainbows are hiding. (Anthony T Hincks)

Ngā manaakitanga
Jocelyn E Auld (Principal / Tumuaki)

SPORT SPONSORSHIP

Big thanks and appreciation to Apollo Projects who are generously sponsoring WCC with a sporting sponsorship.



Apollo Projects are a nationwide Design & Build Construction company and have recently established themselves in HB and are currently completing the HB Aquatic Facility and the Pettigrew Green Arena extension.

Many thanks to Paul Lloyd - Director of Apollo Projects for this awesome opportunity.

FORMER STUDENTS / STAFF

We have a former students / staff (Toa Tauā) page on our school website: www.colenso.school.nz. We would love to hear from any ex-students, teachers, support staff who have been involved with either Colenso High School or William Colenso College.

The former students / staff (Toa Tauā) page can be found on the News & Events page via our website above.

TOA TAUĀ- We have given our WCC former students / staff group this name because it means “**A Leader of and for the Future Generation**”, a fitting name for this group of people. This section will be where news of ex students & staff of our Toa Tauā will be shared. Enjoy. If you have news of any ex-students / staff please get them to contact sue.martin@colenso.school.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORM JACKETS / CAPS



School jackets and caps are available for purchase from the School Office. These uniform items **are not sold at The Warehouse**. Cost for the jackets are \$103.50



The jackets are produced by Kooga Clothing; they are waterproof, windproof and very warm. This is the only item of clothing with a hood that may be worn to school. The caps are \$25 and are able to be worn at school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

New system for photo orders this year, will all be online, please follow these instructions:

1. You will need to contact the School Office: 831 0180 for your Secure Photo Access Key Code.
2. Go to www.photolife.co.nz
3. Click on “Order Online”



Cut off date is Sunday the 10th of April.

PHYSIO CLINIC FOR STUDENTS

Students are able to have access to a Physio Clinic at school every Tuesday from 11:30am. The clinic runs from the Student Office and bookings are essential.

Students are welcome but under 16 year olds must take a form home to be signed by a parent / caregiver before being booked.

Injuries must be due to an accident to be seen for FREE.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

The College produces a newsletter each fortnight, this is currently available via email, on the school facebook page, school website and the school app. If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please contact the College Office.

"On your Apple or Android cellphone (device) please search for "School Apps NZ" and install the app with that name. Once installed please open the App and search for "William Colenso College" to get connected.

This will allow the school staff to send out to those who have downloaded the app, alerts about various activities: sports events, homework reminders etc.

Other functions that are available in the app are:

- absentee tab: to advise when your child will be absent from school
- events tab: will give calendar dates for the school year
- contacts tab: able to make contact via phone or email with a staff member
- Notices: the daily school notices that are available to staff and students about events happening that day in school.

TEACHER ONLY DAY TERM TWO

There is a teacher only day set for Monday 9th May, second week of term two for all teachers. School will be closed for the day to students and school will resume as normal Tuesday 10th May.

This day is to provide teachers with additional time to refresh and deepen their knowledge and practice around curriculum.



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SPORTS HOODIES

WCC sports hoodies are available for purchase by going online at: sportworx.co.nz/WCC.

These hoodies **are not** part of the school uniform and may only be worn by Year 13 students.

PRE-ORDER OPEN



William Colenso College Hoodies are now available for **pre-order**.

The pre-order window will be open from Monday 7th March until Monday 21st March. Hoodies will be available for school pick-up from Monday 4th April.

Order now at sportworx.co.nz/WCC 

CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

CELLPHONES are not to be used in the classroom as they are a serious disruption to student learning and outcomes. Students can use their cellphone during break times only. Please support your child's learning by not texting or phoning during class time. If you need to contact your child please phone the college office and we can arrange a message to them.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

William Colenso College provides all students with a Free & Healthy School Lunch each day.

Big thanks to MÓN - Jackson's Artisan Foods who are our school lunch providers. Your child is still welcome to bring their own food if they wish. If your child has a dietary requirement please let your child's form / tutor teacher know and their lunch can be tailored to their needs.

KEY DATES

Thursday 14th April:
Monday 2nd May:

Final day of Term One
Term Two commences



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